

## DISCUSSIONS - USEFUL LANGUAGE

### **STARTING A DISCUSSION**

So, shall we begin with this? / Let's start, shall we?  
Right. I think we could start with...

### **AGREEING**

I (quite) agree. / I think you're absolutely right.  
That's a very good point. / I totally agree.  
Exactly! / Yes, definitely.  
That's exactly what I think.

### **DISAGREEING**

Well, I don't really agree with... / So we can't agree about...  
So we have different opinions about...

### **INVITING YOUR PARTNERS TO SPEAK**

What do you think about...? / What are your views...?

### **EXPRESSING YOUR OPINION**

In my opinion/view, ... / Personally, I think/believe...  
Actually, I don't think that...

### **DOUBT AND RESERVATION**

Well... maybe... possibly.. / I'm not so sure about that.  
It depends.

### **MAKING A SUGGESTION**

Why don't we...? / What about...? / I think we should talk about...

### **EXPRESSING YOUR OPINION**

In my opinion/view, ... / From my point of view,...  
Personally, I think/believe.../ Actually, I don't think that...  
I definitely think that... / I'm sure that...  
I'm convinced that... / I really do think that...  
The way I see it is that... / If you ask me, I would say that...

### **HAVING NO OPINION**

I'm sorry, but I don't have any definite opinion on that subject. /  
I'm sorry, but I just don't know enough about it ...  
I'm sorry, but I haven't had time to form an opinion on that.

### **INTERRUPTING POLITELY**

Actually, I'd just wanted to say... /Sorry to interrupt but ...  
Could I just say something? / I wonder if I could point out that ....  
Excuse me, could I just make a point here?  
Excuse me, could I just say something here?

### **REACHING A DECISION**

So let's make a decision, shall we?  
Well, we all seem to agree that...  
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